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Committee Bill No. 121

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Referred to Committee on Commerce

Introduced by:
(CE)

AN ACT CONCERNING THE PROVISION OF DEVELOPMENT SERVICES TO REGIONAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DISTRICTS AND THE AUTHORITY TO PURSUE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT STRATEGIES.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Section 32-744 of the general statutes is repealed and the
2 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

3 The Commissioner of Economic and Community Development
4 [may] shall, within available appropriations, (1) provide economic
5 development services to regional economic development districts, and
6 (2) make priority regional grants to regional economic development
7 districts for municipal development projects and for economic
8 development and manufacturing assistance pursuant to sections 8-186
9 to 8-200, inclusive, and sections 32-220 to 32-234, inclusive.

10 Sec. 2. Subsection (d) of section 32-742 of the general statutes is
11 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from*
12 *passage*):

13 (d) [The board of directors of a regional economic development

14 district shall, annually, report to the commissioner and the secretary on
 15 progress made in implementing the comprehensive economic
 16 development strategy.] A new or revised strategy shall be developed
 17 at least once every five years. The board shall submit each new or
 18 revised strategy for review and approval in accordance with the same
 19 procedure as for a strategy under subsections (b) and (c) of this section.

20 Sec. 3. (NEW) (*Effective from passage*) (a) The board of directors of a
 21 regional economic development district shall have the authority to
 22 implement any comprehensive economic development strategy
 23 approved pursuant to section 32-742 of the general statutes, as
 24 amended by this act. Such authority to implement shall include, but is
 25 not limited to, (1) entering into necessary contracts with, or (2)
 26 accepting grants or other financial assistance from, the state or any
 27 political subdivision, agency or instrumentality thereof, any federal
 28 agency or from any private corporation, copartnership, association or
 29 individual in order to meet any objective or goal of such strategy.

30 (b) The board of directors of a regional economic development
 31 district shall, annually, report to the commissioner and the secretary on
 32 progress made in implementing the comprehensive economic
 33 development strategy.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	32-744
Sec. 2	<i>from passage</i>	32-742(d)
Sec. 3	<i>from passage</i>	New section

Statement of Purpose:

To require the Commissioner of Economic and Community Development to fund and provide economic development services to regional economic development districts and give such districts the authority to contract and receive grants to accomplish the goals of a comprehensive economic development strategy.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]

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